

Concession shops contribute to Kirtland AFB welfare

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There is evidence of improvements all around Kirtland AFB made possible in part through funding from the installation Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds, some of which is derived from Army and Air Force Exchange Service concessions.

Larry Oates of the 377th Services Squadron, said about \$40,000 is received every month and combined with other monies that enhance existing TEAM KIRTLAND services or help purchase needed items.

Among items funded with the help of AAFES funding, part of which is from concessions, are wing and group functions like changes of commands, burger burns following inspections, programs of the Family Support Center including the Loan Locker, golf course items including the new golf cart wash rack that is important environmentally and the golf cart storage shed.

The AAFES funding also contributed to the renovation and operation of the snack bar in the Kirtland Lanes and will be a part of the repair in an aircraft of the Aero Club. The youth center and child development center also receive a portion of funding, and the youth ball fields upkeep is also maintained with AAFES assistance.

Frances Kurtz, Small Business Service manager for AAFES, said anyone can apply to become a concessionaire. Few limitations are placed on the types of products—no gold or contact lenses are permitted to be sold. Percentages of proceeds the businesses submit to AAFES are based on product types.

Janette Owen of the AAFES administrative office here, noted that AAFES concessions offer travelers on temporary duty or visiting Kirtland AFB an opportunity to purchase Southwest items that may not be available at their homes. In turn, active duty military families who have lived overseas may have access to products not normally available in this area.

Specialty products military families may have enjoyed during overseas assignments may be available at concessions as “those little extras, a little bit from home,” Ms. Owen said.

The next time you patronize a Kirtland AFB long-term concession, you know you are supporting TEAM KIRTLAND with your purchase. When you buy in the BX—the flower shop, beauty or barbershops, GNC, optical shop or watch and jewelry shop—or you visit the laundry, dry cleaners, alterations shop, eat at McDonald on base or at Simply Southwest on the west side, your buying power comes back to your military community’s quality of life.

Anyone interested in becoming a long-term concessionaire can contact Frances Kurtz at 265-6122.

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GNC employee, Bennie Stamps.

Phones numbers , hours, days of operation for AAFES concessions

Main Exchange, Building 20170
Flower Shop, 262-0470
Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; closed Sunday

Barber Shop, 266-5181
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.;
Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Beauty Shop, 266-6430
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Yakima Gift Shop, 255-4114
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

GNC, 268-1140
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 pm.

Optical shop, 268-0015
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kirtland Gallery, 410-3593
Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mini Mall, Building 20224
Barber Shop phone, 266-2313
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday

Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 266-8116
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;
Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday

Alterations, 266-8116
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;
Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday

Jewelry and Watch Repair, 265- 4094
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday

West Shoppette, Building 471
Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 255-0382
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

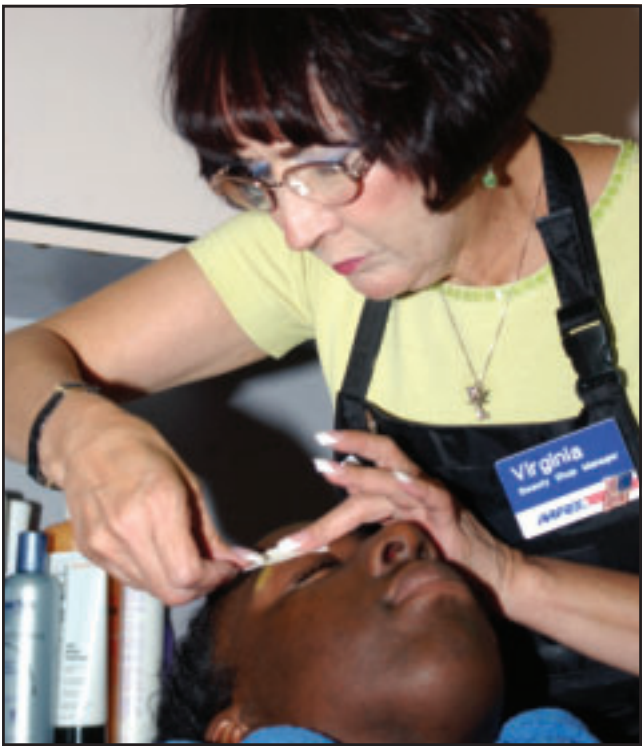
Simply Southwest, Building 923, 846-7808
Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.;
closed Saturday and Sunday

Westside Barber Shop, Building 923, 846-8902
Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.;
closed Saturday and Sunday

McDonald's, Building 20241, 255-5363
Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.;
Sunday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.



Lynn Dennison from the Barber Shop gives Chief Master Sgt. Willie Harris a hair cut.



CENTER—McDonald's employees help customers during the busy lunch rush.

LEFT—Virginia Fajardo from the Beauty Shop waxes Staff Sgt. Joy Wilson's eyebrows.



BELOW—Sean Scott attending to customers at the Mini Mall's Furniture Store.



Idali Reyes, Yakima employee.



Kirtland Gallery employee, Terry Matthews.